



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

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Federal Communications
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Attn: Ms. Donna Searcy

Dear Ms. Searcy:

In reference to Docket 92-105, "Use of N-1-1 Codes", I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the Bloomington Police Department.

Our department handles many calls for service, both emergency and non-emergency. Currently our department received only emergency calls from the deaf community on our 9-1-1 phone system. All non-emergency calls must be diverted to two other numbers depending on the time and the day of the week. Our telecommunicators are highly trained in the proper operation of the TDD machine enabling them to communicate and dispatch both fire and police personnel to the scene of an emergency.

Adopting a nationally accepted N-1-1 code for the purpose of reaching a relay service would provide a means for citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to access our department for non-emergency purposes. We strongly believe that